

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas
April 26, 2018

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 26, 2018, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Fred Farias; Arcilia Acosta; Michael Plank; Ricky Raven; John Steen; Donna Williams; Welcome Wilson; and Annie Jones.

Members absent: Javaid Anwar

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks and Strategic Planning Presentation	Mr. Stedman called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and announced that Mr. Anwar was unable to attend the board meeting today due to illness. On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Anwar. A quorum was met for this Board meeting.
A. Introduction of New Board Members, Michael Plank, Donna Williams, and Welcome Wilson and committee appointments	No action required.
B. Consideration of Resolutions of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members	Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Ms. Janelle Shepard who joined the meeting via conference call to accept her resolution. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes. Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Mr. Bobby Jenkins. On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment B to these minutes. Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Ms. Annie Jones. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment C to these minutes.

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C. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
D. Strategic Planning Presentation by President Suzanne Shipley, Midwestern State University	No action required. Dr. Suzanne Shipley, President of Midwestern State University, provided a presentation on the university's strategic plan and how it aligns with <i>60x30TX</i> .
E. Strategic Planning Presentation by representatives of Texas public community colleges	No action required. Dr. Johnette McKown, President of McLennan Community College facilitated a discussion regarding the strategic plans of Texas public community colleges and how these align with <i>60x30TX</i> . Also presenting were Mr. Jacob Fraire, Executive Director, Texas Association of Community Colleges; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College; and Mr. James Henry Russell, President, Texarkana College.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. January 25, 2018, Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the January 25, 2018, minutes.
B. January 26, 2018, Board Retreat	On a motion by Ms. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the January 26, 2018, minutes.
III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: IX-I(2); X-E; X-F; X-G; X-H; X-J; XI-C; and XI-E.	
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Regional strategies to increase the percentage of Texas public high school graduates directly enrolling in college	No action required. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success presented a brief overview of the importance of high school graduates enrolling directly into college, introduced panelists, and facilitated the discussion. The panelists were as follows: Dr. Neal Holly, Assistant Director, Postsecondary and Workforce Development Institute, Education Commission of the States; Dr. Eric J. Ban, Executive Director, Dallas County Promise; Dr. William Serrata, President, El Paso Community College; and Michael Bohensky Superintendent, San Saba Independent School District.

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V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Baylor College of Medicine – Center for Educational Outreach	No action required. Dr. Paul Klotman, President, CEO, and Executive Dean of Baylor College of Medicine, made a presentation on Baylor College of Medicine and its Center for Educational Outreach and their efforts to collaborate with and help improve Texas undergraduate colleges and universities, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools.
VI. Matters relating to 60x30TX and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. The Texas Workforce Commission: Resources, tips, and tools to build a stronger, better educated and skilled workforce	No action required. Doyle Fuchs, Director of Labor Market and Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission, provided a brief overview of Texas Labor Analysis, a workforce supply and demand tool recently launched by TWC; TRACER2, the workforce statistics system currently undergoing a major update; and Sites on Texas, which focuses on workforce and demographic information. All three applications can provide valuable information for planning, evaluation, and other analytics.
VII. Matters relating to the Full Board	
No agenda items	
VIII. Lunch	
IX. Matters Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	
A. Committee Chair’s Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Ms. Acosta, Vice Chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	No action required.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to funding formulas for use by the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board in making appropriations recommendations to the appropriate Legislative Committees	On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board adopted the funding formulas for two-year community colleges and state colleges. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board adopted the funding formulas for general academic institutions.

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	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board adopted the funding formulas for health-related institutions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts (<i>General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 12, III-216</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the annual report relating to the financial condition of the state's community college districts.
E. Report on data highlight: <i>60x30</i> Educated Population: National and International Comparisons	No action required. Dr. Jenna Cullinane Hege, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning, presented this item and was available to answer questions.
F. Consideration of the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the approval of the pilot study report on community college financial reporting by campus (<i>Senate Bill 719, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the pilot study report on community college financial reporting by campus. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, and representatives from the Texas Association of Community Colleges' Senate Bill 719 Work Group presented this item and were available for questions.
G. Report on facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, presented this item and was available for questions.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Coordinating Board's Legislative Priorities for the 86th Texas Legislature	Mr. John Wyatt, Director for External Relations, provided an overview of the staff legislative recommendations and was available for questions. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the Coordinating Board's Legislative Priorities for the 86th Texas Legislature.
I. Proposed Rules: (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed new Subchapter C, Sections 21.45 – 21.49, of Chapter 21 of Board rules, concerning student indebtedness (<i>Senate Bill 887, Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board adopted the new rules relating to student indebtedness. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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<p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter I, Sections 22.164, 22.166 and 22.169-22.171 of Board rules, concerning the provisions for the Texas armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) <i>(House Bill 66, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>X. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</p>	
<p>A. Committee Chair’s Overview</p>	<p>No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Dr. Farias, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.</p>
<p>B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Music Education</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (2) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER (3) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Clinical Psychology</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (4) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Clinical Psychology</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the new degree program.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the new degree program.</p>
<p>D. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the report on the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs report.</p>

<p>E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <p>(1) Economics Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Management Information Systems Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(3) Mathematics Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(4) Radio and Television Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(5) Sociology Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(6) Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board withdrew this item.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the guidelines for the 2018 Texas Higher Education Star Awards</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to approval to amend the contract with Texas Tech University for the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards – English/Language Arts and Mathematics Review and Revision Project to increase funding for additional activities and deliverables</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>H. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the development and ongoing support of an online Pre-Assessment Activity</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Sections 5.41 – 5.43, 5.45, 5.46, 5.48, 5.50, and 5.51 – 5.54 of Board rules concerning approval of new academic programs at public universities and health-related institutions, review of existing degree programs, and the repeal of Section 5.56 of Board rules concerning approval of baccalaureate degree programs for selected community colleges</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Sections 4.82</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Subchapter C. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter D. A copy of</p>

and 4.85 of Board rules concerning the statutory basis of the rules and dual credit eligibility requirements	the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to amend the contingencies for the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree programs, which were approved by the Board at the October 2017 meeting	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
K. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item to the Board and was available for questions.
XI. Matters relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Steen, Chair of the Committee on Agency Operations.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	No action required.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the agency's 2018 Customer Service Report	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the agency's operating budget for fiscal year 2019	On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2019 Agency's Operating Budget.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter E. Sections 1.114 and 1.115 of Board rules concerning the student complaint procedure	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Steen
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Janelle Shepard

WHEREAS, Janelle Shepard was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a six-year term by Governor Rick Perry on September 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during her term on the board, Ms. Shepard served with great distinction as chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; as a member of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; as a member of the Agency Operations Committee; and as a member of the Task Force on Graduate Health Professions; and

WHEREAS, the THECB benefited greatly from her healthcare knowledge and expertise, which resulted in deeper discussions about nursing programs in higher education, at all levels, that will continue to benefit the education of nursing professionals and the citizens of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shepard advocated strongly for women and for health professions and was instrumental in helping guide the Nursing Shortage Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shepard's commitment to students' access to affordable education, best practices in student transfer, and to the efficient use of Texas taxpayer dollars, will continue to benefit students and the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shepard demonstrated her commitment to higher education through her support of *60x30TX* and through her visits to Texas colleges and universities, particularly in the Metroplex;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 26th day of April, 2018, express our deepest appreciation to Janelle Shepard for her distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and her unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Janelle Shepard in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.



ATTACHMENT B



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Robert "Bobby" Jenkins Jr.

WHEREAS, Robert "Bobby" Jenkins Jr. was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a six-year term by Governor Rick Perry on September 1, 2011, named vice chair by Governor Perry in September 2013, and appointed as chair by Governor Greg Abbott on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Jenkins served with great distinction not only as chair and vice chair of the THECB's board; but also as chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; vice chair of the Agency Operations Committee; chair of the Task Force on Graduate Health Professions; and a member of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins' affability made him an extraordinary advocate for higher education in Texas, and the THECB benefited greatly from his advocacy, whether directed at legislators, educators, nonprofit and business leaders, regents and trustees in Texas; and

WHEREAS, his reputation as a well-respected and proven community leader and businessman in Austin brought more visibility to the agency, to *60x30TX*, and to the needs of college students, for whom he has been a caring advocate; and **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jenkins' support for innovation in higher education that increases opportunities for students, and his commitment to help make higher education possible for more Texas students; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated his commitment to higher education in Texas through his support of *60x30TX*, including promoting new grants for the Texas Affordable Baccalaureate program; creating his own GenTX Decision Day video; and advocating for the higher education strategic plan at numerous meetings, conferences, and other events across Texas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 26th day of April, 2018, express our deepest appreciation to Robert "Bobby" Jenkins Jr. for his distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and his unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Robert "Bobby" Jenkins Jr. in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT C



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Andrias R. "Annie" Jones

WHEREAS, Andrias R. "Annie" Jones of McAllen, Texas, was appointed as the student representative to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott for a term beginning June 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the board Ms. Jones served as an ex-officio member on the Agency Operations Committee; the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, the THECB values the input, ideas, and feedback from students on higher education policy, particularly those policies that have a direct impact on students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has exceeded expectations through her leadership, knowledge, professionalism, and participation at events, such as the Marketable Skills Conference, thereby helping further the state's progress toward the goals of *60x30TX*; and

WHEREAS, during her term, Ms. Jones made insightful and knowledgeable observations and comments, posed thoughtful questions, and sought clarifications and information on behalf of students across the state; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on the 26th day of April, 2018, express our deepest appreciation to Andrias R. "Annie" Jones for her distinguished service as an influential member of the Board and her unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Andrias R. "Annie" Jones in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.

